



## 2012 Annual Report

# DURHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT



## Partners *in* Safety





Executive Assistant Toya Littlejohn, Mrs. Rebecca Lopez and Chief at July 2012 police academy graduation ceremony.



2012 Executive Command Staff - Assistant Chief Winslow Forbes, Deputy Chief Loretta Clyburn, Assistant Chief Anthony Marsh, Chief Lopez, Assistant Chief Jon Peter, Deputy Chief Larry Smith, and Assistant Chief Jesse Burwell.

### DPD's New Mission Statement

To minimize crime, promote safety and enhance the quality of life in partnership with our community.

### DPD's Vision Statement

To be a progressive law enforcement agency committed to reducing crime by providing the best quality of service, fostering public confidence and maintaining the highest standards of excellence as a community partner for positive change.



McGruff and Durham's top cops, Chief Lopez and Sheriff Michael Andrews.



Chief Lopez, CrimeStoppers Chair Pat Ellis, and Durham District Attorney Leon Stanback, Jr. greet Club Boulevard youth on National Night Out.



DPD hosted Watch for Me NC press event and guest speaker David Strickland, National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator.

# Message from the Chief

Overall, in 2012 safety trends and crime statistics continued in a positive direction in several categories. Most significantly, Part I Crime, which is the sum total of violent crimes and property crimes, was at a 23-year low in Durham in 2012.

I attribute this optimistic trend in Durham's public safety to the work of Durham's Police Department's (DPD) many partners in safety. These partners include DPD employees, City departments, local and national law enforcement and judicial agencies, residents, community groups and other stakeholders who share a commitment to sustain Durham's appealing quality of life.

Many of the highlights featured in this annual report tangibly demonstrate positive outcomes achieved when people and groups work together. I am proud that most DPD employees feel good about working for the department and the City organization, according to a 2012 Employee Opinion Survey. DPD employees are sharing their professional expertise among peers locally and across the country as conference hosts, session presenters and award recipients. Multi agency police operations, in which DPD played critical roles, yielded significant arrests that have removed criminals from communities locally, throughout the U.S. and across international borders. DPD achievements also reflect the benefits of strong collaborations with other Durham City and County government departments including enhanced communication, resource sharing; and diversity of viewpoints and expertise.

In 2012, DPD expanded its annual service awards program to include nominations from the community for two of its awards that recognize outstanding public safety/law enforcement service. Now the public can nominate DPD employees (officers and non-sworn personnel) and members of the general public for DPD's Certificate of Merit and the Community Service Medal.

As 2013 progresses, DPD's patrol fleet will be enhanced by the addition of new Dodge Chargers, budget permitting. Progress will continue on the DPD Master Facilities Plan that sets forth a blueprint for current and future building projects. Durham City Council has authorized the City's Finance Department to identify funding to build a new police headquarters. Also DPD is in the process of re-accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).



Our mock assessment was conducted in January 2013 with onsite visits by CALEA assessors slated for the summer.

I extend a special sincere "Thank You" to our neighborhood based partners in safety. Certainly residents' participation in crime prevention programs, new engagement initiatives like FaithActs, Trail Watch and DPD's annual service program have contributed to heightened safety awareness and strengthened community-police relationships. We appreciate the various roles residents play including Neighborhood Watch block captains, Police Athletic League volunteers, Partners Against Crime participants, National Night Out coordinators and businesses who give in-kind charitable support.

Our partners in safety are invaluable to our mission as a police agency. Their personal investment of time and resources toward the practice and promotion of public safety is yielding lasting rewards for the benefit of the entire community.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jose Lopez, Sr.".

Chief Jose Lopez, Sr.

# Putting the Pieces Together



## Disassembling a Chop Shop

It took the collective effort of at least a dozen Durham Police Department officers and seven officers from other agencies to disassemble a large chop shop operation officers found in September 2012. DPD officers discovered the 44,500 square foot warehouse after tracking a LoJack activation on a stolen vehicle near Ellis Road.

“The suspects were very efficient at stealing, disassembling, (that is, chopping) and cloning victims’ cars and then shipping them overseas,” says Detective G.D. Silla, a lead investigator in the case. “Vehicles that were in the shop and stolen a week before the discovery were already chopped waiting to be placed in shipping containers.”

In addition to DPD, the multi-agency investigation involved officers and staff from the Fairfax County (VA) Auto Theft Unit, NC Department of Motor Vehicles, National Insurance Crime Bureau, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. By the beginning of 2013 officers had collectively spent more than 400 investigative hours on the case.

“Evidence of stolen parts from at least 40 vehicles was discovered,” adds Silla. “The chop shop has been linked to Maryland, Virginia and Ohio. This is an ongoing federal case.”

The main suspect was arrested and taken to the Durham County Jail with a \$5,000,000 secured bond. More than 100 felony charges and 31 misdemeanors have been taken out against the main suspect.



DPD's partnerships with law enforcement agencies and safety education groups are far-reaching and effective.

### Joint Terrorism Task Force

For collaborative contributions to the Raleigh-Durham Joint Terrorism Task Force, DPD received national and international recognition in 2012 for its critical role in countering terrorism. Specifically, a four-year investigation led to the indictment of eight members of the Triangle Terror Group who were actively making plans to wage jihad both overseas and in the U.S. DPD Master Officer Charles Burroughs, a task force member, helped to track down the group across the U.S. and in six foreign countries.

### Watch for Me NC

As a partner in the state's Watch for Me NC campaign, DPD stepped up its efforts in 2012 to increase awareness of, and compliance with, pedestrian and bicycle safety laws. DPD's Traffic Unit distributed campaign literature and conducted several enforcement operations, issuing warnings, and citations. DPD hosted the campaign's first-year press

event with guest speaker National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator David Strickland.

### Durham CrimeStoppers

During 2012 Durham CrimeStoppers tips aided the Durham Police Department and the Durham County Sheriff's Office in solving six homicides, and arresting 83 fugitives. Incidents involved three out of state probation violators — one of which was a second degree murder parole violator from Maryland. CrimeStoppers information also led to the seizure of 30 illegal firearms. CrimeStoppers paid out over \$17,000 for crime tips in 2012. CrimeStoppers brings the community, media, law enforcement and businesses together to solve crime. Citizens are encouraged, via cash rewards and anonymity, to provide information leading to the arrest and indictment of criminals by simply calling CrimeStoppers at (919) 683-1200 any time.



The **National Center for Missing and Exploited Children** honored Durham police investigators Charles Sole and Kristy Roberts and Forensics Supervisor Alison Hutchens with the 2012 Law Enforcement and Courage Award. DPD honorees were cited for their exceptional work on a 2011 homicide case involving a missing woman and a 5-year old child that led to the arrests of seven individuals connected to a cult.

# On Common Ground



## Residents Volunteer for New Trail Watch

"I was very pleased to find that Durham already had a wonderful trail system and I wanted to help keep it attractive and useful," says new Durham resident Cynthia Cole. Cole, who worked to start an active trail system in her former Kentucky community, was among the first to sign up to be a Durham Trail Watch Volunteer.

For life-long Durham resident Larry Anderson volunteering for Durham Trail Watch was a convenient way to further serve his community. "I've always used the trail for personal fitness, so serving as a trail watch volunteer just made sense," says Anderson who is also an army veteran.

DPD launched Durham Trail Watch in October 2012 to help address safety concerns after several incidents during the summer on the American Tobacco Trail. Volunteers Cole and Anderson were among 35 initial volunteers who participated in training provided by the department's Community Resource Unit (formerly Crime Prevention Unit) to serve as trail patrollers. Based on the concepts of Neighborhood Watch, Trail Watch volunteers report unusual activities, unsafe behaviors and potential hazards to authorities. Trail Watch volunteers logged 188 hours by the end of January 2013.

"I am very appreciative of the training provided by the Durham Police Department – particularly the specifics of what to do and what not to do as volunteers," adds Cole. "I think it adds to the enjoyment of trail users to have an

official role in its viability. My eyes and vision are more sharp now. Not just from a safety perspective, but now I also notice the flowers, vegetation, birds and the people. The department stresses that they want to hear as much information and feedback as Trail Watch volunteers can provide, and that as volunteers we are full partners."

Meeting other residents is a benefit too according to Anderson. "I meet a lot of people on the trail and receive a lot of thank yous from trail users," states Anderson. "Some of my time is spent assisting trail users with locating lost cell phones or fixing bicycle chains. I keep basic tools with me so that I am prepared to be of assistance. I have good relationships with police officers who reinforce what to look out for and keep us abreast of pertinent information."

Three utility terrain vehicles (UTVs) purchased by DPD in 2012 enable officers to more easily patrol the trail and facilitate more open communications with trail users. Officers in UTVs, on bicycles and on foot conducted more than 800 directed patrols on the trail during the last half of 2012.

*Note: The American Tobacco Trail covers 6.75 miles through the City of Durham to its current end at NC Hwy. 54 just north of I-40. Plans are underway to construct a pedestrian bridge across I-40 between exit 274 and 276, connecting two major portions.*

Partnering with residents strengthens police-community relationships.

## Police READS

Police READS (Reading Enrichment Activities in Durham Schools) is a new collaboration of DPD Durham Public Schools and the East Durham Children's Initiative (EDCI). Piloted at Y.E. Smith Elementary School Police READS facilitates positive police – youth interactions as officers model the benefits of literary and academic achievement among Durham schoolchildren.

## Project Safe Neighborhoods

DPD Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) implemented FaithActs to enhance communication between district commanders and faith communities; raise awareness of gun crimes, crime trends and DPD human service programs; and increase participation in anti-gun violence campaigns and crime prevention. FaithActs programming included a kick-off breakfast for pastors, three summits featuring various safety topics, monthly church bulletin inserts and a culminating community worship service.

## BECOMING

As one of 13 partner agencies, DPD's BECOMING outreach helps youth (16 to 21 years old) who have serious emotional disturbances to successfully transition to adulthood. A special DPD unit made up of a clinical care coordinator and two dedicated police officers connects youth (and their families) to services. Over 373 follow-ups (referrals from DPD crisis intervention officers) were completed in 2012. BECOMING is funded by a \$5.4 million federal grant and a \$7.7 million non-federal match. DPD will contribute \$897,786 over the five year grant cycle.

## National Night Out

DPD again earned four national rankings in the National Night Out (NNO) awards competition sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. In 2012 Durham was ranked 14 among 135 competing cities of comparable population across the country observing America's Night Out Against Crime. Durham was again distinguished by three NNO All Stars honors earned by University Estates Community Watch (District 3); Azalea Park Apartments (District 2) and Audubon Park Homeowners Association (District 4).

## Mental Health Outreach

A \$312,500 federal grant that funds DPD's **Mental Health Outreach Program** (MHOP) equipped 284 trainees in trauma, resources, adolescence, and self-care. Trainees were police and corrections officers, firefighters, school personnel and mental health advocates. Four 40-hour Crisis Intervention Training courses were held graduating 101 officers and officials from area agencies. So far 1,300 consumers have been entered in program database – nearly 100 times more than the grant's overall goal. In 2011-2012 alone, referrals totaled 1,288 – exceeding the total program target of 800. Goal of outreach is to reduce arrests and service requests among consumers. Cost analysis of five consumers with high utilization of 911 or first responder services show significant cost savings to multiple agencies.



### 2012 Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) award

**recipients:** CIT Excellence Award – DPD Officer Jackie Knight; Durham Police CIT Officer of the Year – Officer Dakota Beck; CIT Certificate of Appreciation – Alanna Jones, Clinical Case Manager; CIT Volunteer of the Year – Vanessa Alston; Heart of the City CIT Award Recipients – Capt. Mark Laws (Durham Fire Department) and Mike Smith (Durham County EMS Director); Durham Sheriff's Office DSO CIT Officer(s) of the Year – Deputy Ryan La-Duke and Staff Sergeant Justin Ellerbee (Detention Officer); North Carolina Central University CIT Officer of the Year – Sgt. Lateria Scott; Duke University CIT Officer of the Year – Inv. James Fickling; and Veterans Administration PD CIT Officer of the Year – Officer Wilbert Fogg.

# Meeting of the Minds



Attendees of Police Society for Problem Based Learning Conference hosted by DPD.

## Problem Solving and Resource Sharing

More and more DPD employees, sworn and non-sworn, are recognized as experts in public safety arenas worldwide and the department is increasingly selected to host various regional and national conferences.

“DPD had a rare opportunity to be seen internationally for the innovators we are in taking police training to the next level,” says Sgt. Nicholas Schneider of the DPD Training Unit and former board member of the Police Society for Problem Based Learning (PSPBL). “What an opportunity to network and to build awesome working relationships that DPD wouldn’t ordinarily have.”

As the host of the 2012 Annual PSPBL Conference, DPD administrators and Training Unit staff engaged officers from across the United States and Canada. DPD’s new PTO (Police Training Officer) program – that requires new officers to create and implement a Neighborhood Portfolio Exercise – was among featured presentations at the conference held July 18-20 in Durham.

The Forensic Services Unit (FSU) hosted *The 13 Critical Tasks Workshop* February 7, 2012. Facilitated by Forensic Technology Inc., the workshop brought together forensics professionals from across North Carolina to learn best practices for effective management of ballistics data related to gun crimes.

The NC Chapter of FBI National Academy Associates, Inc (FBI NAA) convened its fall conference in Durham, October 26, 2012, to discuss a growing national menace in the form of a designer drug called bath salts or spice. “I felt hosting the conference was a positive way to thank the FBINA for the wonderful opportunity of being able to attend the Academy and to also show Durham and the Durham Police Department off to the other NC and Federal Law Enforcement FBINA graduates,” says Asst. Police Chief Jon Peter, a 2011 graduate of the FBI National Academy (FBINA).

FBI NAA provides its members (all Academy graduates) with opportunities for continuing education, training, professional development, peer networking, and research in law enforcement disciplines. These opportunities promote improved leadership, cooperation, services, efficiencies and higher standards of professional conduct in all levels of law enforcement throughout the world. In addition to Asst. Chief Peter, current and retired DPD officers are graduates of the prestigious FBI National Academy including Chief Jose Lopez and Capt. Eddie Sarvis. Deputy Chief Larry Smith has been accepted to attend the Academy in 2013.

Employees partner to advance departmental and professional goals.



Officer Michael Frels' **neighborhood portfolio exercise** established an afterschool homework assistance program at the Hoover Road housing community that was supported by other officers, parents, interns from North Carolina Central University and the faith community.

### Neighborhood Portfolio Exercises

Police recruits' Neighborhood Portfolio Exercises – the final step in training – requires critical thinking skills through the problem-based learning process to solve a job-related problem in their district or beat area. Notable projects included a neighborhood clean-up project in the Southside community; an afterschool mentorship program at Hoover Road Apartments; DPD Safe Cards to record serial numbers and descriptions of items purchased; an apartment building identification project; and a security phone towers initiative in Central District.

### Special Victims Unit

Investigators assigned to the new Special Victims Unit, started in 2012, are specially trained to deal with sex crimes and sexual assault victims. Staffed by a sergeant, corporal and eight investigators, 10-member unit handles cases involving sexual batteries, sexual offenses, peeping toms, indecent exposure, and child abuse and neglect.



**Basic Law Enforcement Training Academy (BLET)** #34 graduated February 7, 2012 and was the largest, most diverse graduating class in recent DPD history. There were 33 new Durham police officers and two UNC-Chapel Hill Police Department officers; 25 males and eight females. Six of the new officers were fluent in Spanish. Six graduates were related to current or former Durham police officers.



Officers across the department selected the 2012 **Dodge Charger** to replace DPD's aging fleet of Ford Crown Victoria cruisers – a model that is no longer being manufactured. A 2012 Dodge Charger and a 2012 Chevrolet Caprice, were outfitted as Durham police cars and test driven by officers over several weeks for their suitability during daily patrol shifts. DPD will gradually add the new Dodges as the older cars are phased out.

# Safety Measures

## Budget & Staffing

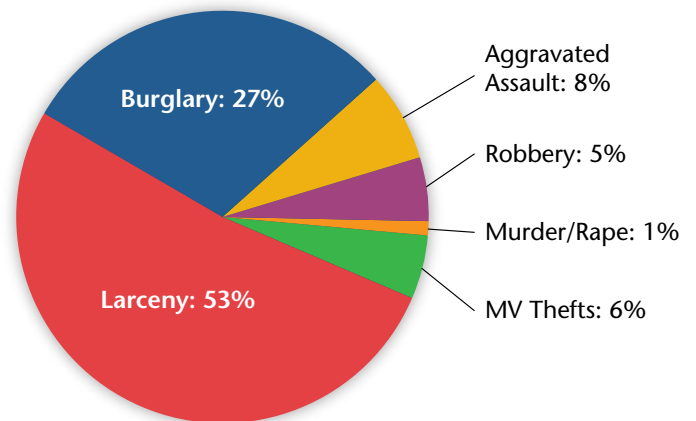
Fiscal Year (FY): June 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

- FY 12-13 Budget \$51,459,978 (General Fund)
- FY 12-13 Authorized Positions :  
(Sworn: 514, Non-Sworn: 117)

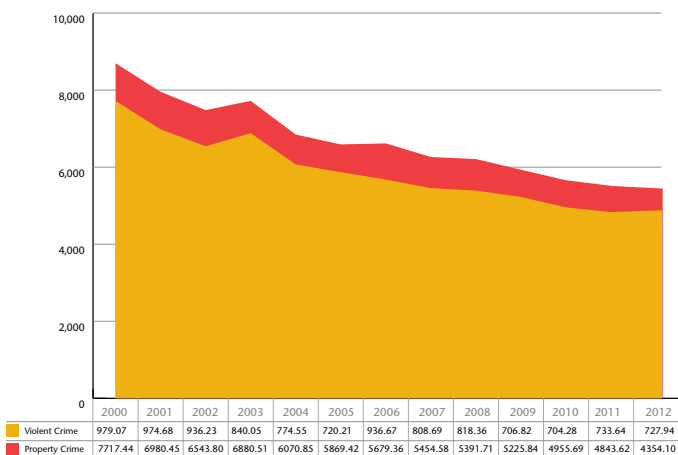
## Part 1 Crime

*Part 1 Crime is the total of violent (murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault) and property crime (burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft).*

- Homicide and rape combined comprise less than 1 percent of the overall Part 1 crime.
- More than half the reported Part 1 crimes – 53 percent – were larcenies.



## Index Crime Rate per 100,000 Population



## Part 1 Violent Crime

Part 1 violent crime (homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault) was up slightly from 1,712 offenses reported in 2011 to 1,721 reported in 2012, an increase of 9 offenses. Violent crime per 100,000 population dropped 1 percent compared to 2011 and was down 26 percent from 2000.

There were 22 homicides reported. One homicide was cleared as self-defense so the official number reported is 21 homicides. There were 19 actual incidents (two cases involved two victims). The 22 victims included 18 males and four females. The victims ranged in age from 13 to 81 years old (three victims were teens). Arrests have been made in 15 cases and the self-defense case was exceptionally cleared. Sixteen people were arrested on murder charges and half of them – eight – were

- Part 1 crime was at a 23-year low in Durham. Index crime was down 7 percent compared to 2011. There were decreases in the number of reported homicides, robberies, larcenies, burglaries and overall property crimes.
- Robberies were at a 22-year low and property crimes and larcenies were the lowest in 12 years.
- Part 1 crime per 100,000 population was down 9 percent from 2011 and 42 percent from 2000.

## Overall Part 1 Index Crime

- Violent crime offenses made up 14 percent of the Part 1 crime reported.

## Part 1: Violent Crime

	3-Year Average	2010	2011	2012	2011-2012 % Change
Homicide	24	24	26	21	-19%
Rape	69	67	66	73	11%
Robbery	663	666	701	621	-11%
Aggravated Assault	934	877	919	1,005	9%
<b>Violent Crime</b>	<b>1,689</b>	<b>1,634</b>	<b>1,712</b>	<b>1,721</b>	<b>0.5%</b>

teens. The ages of those arrested ranged from 12 to 48 years old. Investigators made arrests in four cases from prior years and two additional cases were exceptionally cleared.

The number of reported rapes increased in 2012 and that number included sexual assaults from prior years reported in 2012. Approximately 18 percent of the cases were domestic.

Robberies were at a 22-year low. Approximately 81 percent of the robberies were committed against persons or during home invasions. Almost half of the robberies were committed in streets or parking lots. There were six bank robberies in 2012.

The number of aggravated assault incidents increased by 9 percent (The Durham Police Department's official statistics are based on the number of potential victims, not the number of actual incidents).

## Part 1 Property Crime

Reported Part 1 property crimes (burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft) were the lowest they have been since 1988, due in part to the decreases in the number of larcenies and burglaries. The property crime rate per 100,000 population is down 10 percent from 2011 and 44 percent from 2000.

There was a significant 15 percent drop in burglaries.

Larcenies accounted for more than half – 53 percent – of Part 1 crime. Officers made numerous arrests involving metal thefts and in many cases they were able to make the arrests because someone had called 911 to report suspicious activity.

Approximately 90 percent of the burglaries were to residences and in more than 17 percent of the cases entry was not forced. The most commonly stolen items included computer hardware/software, jewelry, precious metals, electronics, tools and cash.

Larcenies were at a 24-year low. More than 40 percent of the larcenies were from motor vehicles or involved vehicle parts. Approximately one-quarter of the larcenies involved shoplifting. The most stolen items included camera equipment, phones, jewelry, computer hardware/software, purses, tools, money and vehicle parts.

Motor vehicle thefts were up approximately 10 percent in 2012, following a 10-year low in 2011. The most stolen vehicles were Hondas.

## Clearance Rates

Crime Category	DPD 2012	DPD 2011	FBI 2011 (100-250K)
Homicide	90.5%	53.8%	63.5%
Rape	46%	68.2%	39.4%
Robbery	31.9%	32.4%	28.3%
Aggravated Assault	59.7%	59.9%	53.6%
Violent Crime	49.5%	48.9%	44.5%
Burglary	15.5%	17.8%	11.3%
Larceny	26.6%	25.2%	20.7%
Vehicle Theft	14.4%	17.5%	9.9%
Property Crime	22.2%	22.2%	17.5%

The FBI clearance rates are for cities the size of Durham with populations of 100,000 to 250,000. The FBI 2011 clearance rates are the most updated statistics available.

The Durham Police Department's clearance rates were above the FBI clearance rates for all Part 1 crime categories in 2012.

The department's goal was to have a violent crime clearance rate of 45 percent and a property crime clearance rate of 22 percent. DPD met the property crime goal and significantly exceeded the goal for violent crime clearance.

### Part 1: Property Crimes

	3-Year Average	2010	2011	2012	2011-2012 % Change
Burglary	3,622	3,687	3,881	3,298	-15%
Larceny	6,709	7,046	6,775	6,305	-7%
Vehicle Theft	672	719	607	691	-14%
Property Crime	11,003	11,452	11,263	10,294	-9%



# Durham Police Department Directory



For life threatening and in-progress emergencies, call **911**

To report non-emergency incidents (barking dogs, loud music, past crimes), call **919-560-4600**

Website: [www.durhampolice.com](http://www.durhampolice.com)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/DurhamPoliceDepartment](https://www.facebook.com/DurhamPoliceDepartment)

Headquarters:	505 W. Chapel Hill Street	919-560-4427 (Desk Officer)
District 1:	921 Holloway Street (across from Long Meadow Park)	919-560-4281
District 2:	5285 N. Roxboro Road (lot of Eno Square Shopping Ctr.)	919-560-4582
District 3:	#8 Consultant Place (near Wynnsong Movie Plaza)	919-560-4583
District 4:	2945 South Miami Boulevard, Suite 135	919-560-4415
Central District:	516 Rigsbee Avenue	919-560-4935
Property and Evidence:	921 Holloway Street (New Address)	919-560-4442

Accreditation	919-560-4581	Professional Standards	919-560-4430
Administrative Services	919-560-4322	Public Information/Public Relations	919-560-4322
Chief of Police	919-560-4322	Records	919-560-4423
Community Services	919-560-4438	Recruiting/Employee Services	919-560-4402
Crime Analysis	919-560-4258	Special Events Application	919-560-4935
Community Resource Unit	919-560-4404	Special Operations Division	919-560-4454
CrimeStoppers	919-683-1200	Telephone Response Unit	919-560-4528
Criminal Investigations Division	919-560-4440	Training Unit	919-560-4168
Fiscal Services	919-560-4589	Victim Services	919-560-4951
Information & Technology	919-560-4304		

## Durham City Council

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